

### Feast Days in the Twenty-second Week of Ordinary Time

- **Tue 3 Sep:** Memorial for **St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.** Born c540, Gregory was prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople: 580-585. Became pope in 590. This was the time of barbarian attacks on Rome. He cared for the poor and refugees, made contact with the barbarians, sent missionaries to England. He left extensive writings, including commentaries on scripture. His liturgies, collected in the Gregorian Sacramentary have been influential into modern times. He is the patron of teachers.
- **Thu 5 Sep:** Optional for **St Teresa of Calcutta.** Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born 26 August 1910 in Skopje. Died 5 Sept 1997 in Kolkata India. Took the name Teresa after joining the Sisters of Loretto. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity devoted to the care of the poor, destitute and outcast, especially the dying. Canonised 4th Sept 2016.

### Abortion Bill Update

The Abortion Bill was given its First Reading on 8 August:

- liberalises late-term abortion.
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand without any safeguards.
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced into abortions.
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Details on the above reasons, along with a **Submissions Guide**, are available at church door (on table) or at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

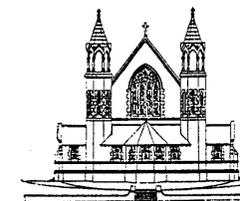
**Submissions close on 19 September 2019.** Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. They will have to either be posted in or sent via the Parliamentary website: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/>

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 31:** Olive Walters 1946, Alexander Hendry 1977  
**Sep 01:** Eva Collins 1993, Joseph McKenzie 1994  
**Sep 02:** William Harris, 1912, John Twomey 2005, Johana (Joan) Lyons 2018  
**Sep 03:** Ella Bannon 1907  
**Sep 04:** Margaret Sheffield 1962  
**Sep 05:** Rhoda Fraser 1977, Patricia Baldwin 2005  
**Sep 06:** William Willis 1953, John Yalland 1985, Gerald Candy 2014  
**Sep 07:** Clara Mallett 1950, Ellen Taylor 1955



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## 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

### To Go Up Higher

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24-27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages — filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52-53).



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We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm — how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favour with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfilment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6-7).

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.00am

Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

### Sunday Dishes

8 September

Mia

### Counting Roster

8 September

Maria & Jeremy

### Flower Roster

6 September

Margaret

### Cleaning Roster

14 September

Dobbs Family

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our Dad's**

The focus of readings for the next three Sundays is the great banquet at the end of time and the conditions for entry into this banquet. Jesus' teaching challenges the values of society where pride and prejudice often supplant humility and hospitality.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus, The Mediator Of A New Covenant*

**Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29** Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord

**Ps 68: God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor.**

**Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24** You have come to Mt Zion and to the city of the living God.

**Luke 14:1,7-14** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME** 8 Sept

*Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake*

**Wisdom 9:13-18** Who can divine the will of the Lord?

**Ps 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**Philemon 9-10,12-17** Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.

**Luke 14:25-33** None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.



**ROSARY**  
Every  
Monday  
evening in  
the church,  
6.00pm

**NZ Catholic:**  
Latest Issue,  
Aug 25– Sept 7  
*Some headlines:*  
Revitalising parishes  
Monday to  
Saturday. Fr Martin  
Wu ordained in  
Auckland. Bishop  
Stuart O'Connell  
was approachable  
and encouraging.  
Soup for southern  
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#### **Lectors:**

**(1 Sep) Sat** S Burke L McMaster **Sun** K Kearins B Upton

**(8 Sep) Sat** N Witham-Blackwell A Blackwell **Sun** L Lampen-Smith

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**(1 Sep) Sat** J McFadden P McKay M Burke **Sun** G Kalaugher S Gillies F Sapa'u

**(8 Sep) Sat** E Wingrove M & H Dennis **Sun** I Gillies B Turner K Lynch

#### **Youth News**

**Parish Youth Group:**  
Meets fortnightly in St  
Leo's Hall. Contact  
Felicity for more info  
0226352366

#### **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Pope Francis encourages us to participate in the "Season of Creation" through prayer and action: Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for Catholics, encouraging the Catholic community to pray for our common home. It is also the beginning of the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

#### *Pope Francis' Prayer for the Earth:*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen

#### **Special Collection Next Sunday: 8<sup>th</sup> September CATHEDRAL APPEAL**

This is the annual appeal for the **upkeep of the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**. The Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Auckland Diocese — a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. It requires large funds to maintain in good condition for both now and the future. **Please use** your planned giving envelope next week for this appeal, or the special appeal envelopes available at church door.

#### **De Paul House**

The Cupboard is empty! Can you help? De Paul House is in real need for duvet inners, especially singles, pillows, blankets and towels. Any clean, good quality secondhand and new items would be most appreciated.  
Deliver to De Paul House 92 Onewa Road, Northcote or phone 480 5959.

#### **TABERNACLE PROJECT**

Thank you for the many supporters to this project and the feedback. The Tabernacle design has been approved and work commissioned, Installation is planned for centennial in November. Donations are still welcome. Please contact: **Alan Light 0211589306, 09 4460052 or aelight@xtra.co.nz**



#### **Mercy Spirituality Centre**

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238

**Chile: Chilean Culture—Mapuche Spirituality asn Spanish Colonisation in Chile** with Ana Maria De Vos Sanchez. Fri 6 Sep 7-9pm. Koha/Donation.

**Workshop: Slavery in the New Testament and Displacement of Peoples Today** with Kathleen Rushton rsm. Sat 7 Sep, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$50 incl lunch

**Ignatian Spirituality: Love is all around us in disguise** with Father Mark Chamberlain. Tues 10 Sept, 7-9pm. \$20

See our website for more details. Bookings essential email [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

#### **DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN,** **NORTH SHORE**

Warmly **invites all women** to our **September Meeting:**

**Topic: Stewards of God's Grace**

**Speaker: Christine Kornman**

**When: Wednesday 18 SEP 7.30pm – 9.30 pm**

**Where:** Parish Hall, St. Thomas More Church,  
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

**Contact:** Sylvia 021 08822990 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

#### **Ministers for Holy Communion to the Sick**

The parish is in urgent need of parishioners willing to help distribute Communion to the sick and elderly on Monday mornings. At the present time we have a small number who generously give their time to those souls who are unable or too sick to get to Sunday Mass.

This is a vital and rewarding ministry to our parish community; it takes an hour or two and there would be guidance and training. Please consider if you could help and if you can, contact Fr. John.

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#### **ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Parish news: 29 August

#### **Buddy Mass**

We had the first of our buddy Masses at the church last Friday. It was a beautiful occasion with the children singing some of the hymns they learnt from John Burland the previous week. The next buddy Mass will be next Friday, 6 September, with St Catherine and St Francis. We once again have some lovely new hymns to sing.

#### **Cans for Christmas**

St Leo's children are taking part in the Cans for Christmas drive for the St Vincent de Paul. The cans will be used to make up Christmas hampers for less fortunate families. There are 49 Catholic Schools involved in the drive and they hope to gather more than 25,000 cans to distribute.

#### **Daffodil Day**

St Leo's was also involved in another outreach this week by taking part in Daffodil Day to raise money for Cancer research. The fundraising is the living out of our Catholic Social Teaching and Mercy value of Tika or social justice which we try to instil in our children.

#### **Dad's night inn**

On Friday the PTFA group organised an event for Dads to socialise together in the Parish hall. The event coincides with Fathers Day on Sunday. We remember all the dads of our school in a special way this weekend.

God Bless  
Maureen Harris

#### **Contemplative prayer/Christian meditation**

Monday evenings 6.30 – 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. All welcome. More info: [www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz](http://www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz) or call Pippa 0278085308